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Amendments to Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A thermoplastic polyamide composition comprising: (a) from about 5 to about 30 weight percent of a free-flowing toughener comprising from about 20 weight percent to about 95 weight percent polyvinyl butyral; (b) ~~complementally~~, 95 to 25 weight percent polyamide that is melt processible below about 320°C and a number average molecular weight of at least 5,000; (c) a mineral filler in an amount of from about 10 to about 45 weight percent of the total composition; and (d) optionally a coupling agent.

2. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the toughener comprises one or more polymers having anhydride functionality and one or more polymers having carboxylic acid functionality.

3. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the toughener additionally comprises a non-reactive polymer.

4. (Original) The composition of Claim 3 wherein the non-reactive polymer is selected from the group consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, polyvinylchloride, nylon, olefinic copolymers, and mixtures thereof.

5. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the filler is a mineral selected from the group consisting of calcined clay, metal carbonates, titanium dioxide, wollastonite, or talc.

6. (Currently Amended) The composition of Claim 1 comprising a the coupling agent wherein the coupling agent is an aminosilane compound and is included in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 1 wt%.

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7. (Original) The composition of Claim 1 wherein the polyamide is selected from the group consisting of Nylon 6; Nylon 11; Nylon 12; Nylon 66; Nylon 6, 10; Nylon 12, 12; and copolymers of epsilon-caprolactam with hexamethylenediamine and adipic acid.

8. (Original) An article prepared from the composition of Claim 1.

9. (Original) The article of Claim 8 wherein the article is selected from articles in the group consisting of: toys; furniture; cars; trains; automobiles; appliances; boats; acoustic tiles; acoustic flooring; walls; ceilings; roofs; and, roofing materials.